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In re Application of:

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For: ORGANIC ELECTRONIC DEVICE, METHOD OF PRODUCING
THE SAME, AND METHOD OF OPERATING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2005, applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-13 and 37-39) in this application.

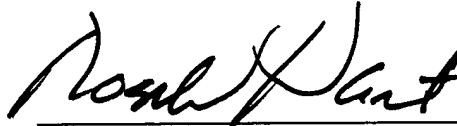
However, applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement since the subject matter of all of claims 1-101 is sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claims should encompass a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and

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examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 which states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicant and improper duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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